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Air Conditioning Contractors Western Pennsylvania

June
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Meeting Dates

2026

June 11th

SOCIAL OUTING
Giant Oaks Winery,
Finleyville, PA

June, July & August

NO ACCWPA – BOARD OR
GENERAL MEETINGS

August 18th

ACCWPA Golf Outing
QuickSilver

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Air Conditioning Contractors Western Pennsylvania

*The mission of the Air
Conditioning
Contractors of Western
PA is to assist its
members in managing
their companies more
efficiently, therefore
becoming more
profitable, together
with increasing their
exposure and
credibility within the
community.*

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INFORMATION...

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ACCWPA APPRENTICE GRADUATION

ACCWPA Social Outing

June 11th – 4 to 10 pm



GIANT OAKS WINERY

3540 Washington Avenue - Finleyville, PA 15334
"Short Street Entrance"

**ACCWPA HAS TABLES RESERVED IN THE
TASTEING ROOM.**

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Check out Giant Oaks Winery website for
further food and drink and drink Menu's!

Come Join Us for a fun filled evening!

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RSVP by – June 9th – pforker@accwpa.org

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(Must be an ACCWPA member to Win!)

Next General Meeting - \$120.00

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From our cellar to your table...

Giant Oaks Winery is proud to introduce our exquisite selection of wines blended from California, Washington, Chilean, and Pennsylvania grapes and infused with the first American and French Oak. Because quality is of the utmost importance, routine visits to the vineyards which harvest our grapes are made, to ensure only the finest fruit will become the final bottled product to carry the Giant Oaks Winery labels. Our grapes are then directly shipped to our processing area which means no middle-man or sitting time. The result is a captivating taste in each bottle because our wines are made with grapes at the peak of ripeness.

What began as a hobby with a single barrel has developed into tens of thousands of bottles produced annually, a customized wine processing cellar, a community wine tasting room, and a lifelong passion.

Enjoy our bottles along with our Small Plates in our bar area where friends – old and new- meet or grab a bottle to go for enjoyment in your home. <https://giantoakswinery.com>

We are honored to provide our customers with wines for all occasions, inspiring the transformation of any casual gathering into an exciting and fulfilling experience.

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Not a Contractor or Associate member? We'd love to serve you, too.

For additional information visit

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or call 724-687-7860

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Additional reasons for membership are:

- Company membership applies to all employees of your firm.
- **NEW!! Contractors Free Associate Membership in Service RoundTable!!**
- Networking!!!
- Monthly meetings with informative presentations that benefit both the Contractor and Supplier.
- Relevant technical training and educational classes.
- 4-year Apprenticeship School with curriculum that is focused only on the HVAC industry!
- Monthly newsletters and email communications filled with industry information and updates.
- Insurance for member's company discount.
- Social Outings that everyone can participate
- And much more to come!



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June 21st!!!



QUESTION OF THE MONTH -

By Federated Insurance

Question -

We have a question about our nonexempt employees. We require them to arrive 10 minutes before their shifts start so they're ready to go as soon as their shifts begin. They don't really perform any "work" during these 10 minutes; they just hang around and wait for their shifts to begin. Our employees have been complaining that we should pay them for this time, since we require them to be here. Do we need to pay them for this time, since they aren't actually "working" yet?

Answer -

The federal Fair Labor Standards Act defines the term employ to include the words suffer or permit to work. Suffer or permit to work means that if an employer requires or allows employees to work, they are employed, and the time spent is probably hours worked. An employer may hire a person to do nothing or to do nothing but wait for something to do or something to happen. A person hired to do nothing or to do nothing but wait for something to do or something to happen is still working.

Thus, as a general matter, if an employer requires employees to report to work before the start of their shifts, the employer might create a duty to compensate employees for this time. Additional federal, state and/or local laws may also apply. Employers wondering whether they owe employees compensation for any specific amount of time that they were at work (including before the start time of their shifts) should contact local counsel for a specific legal opinion.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR! ACCWPA Golf Outing

Quicksilver

2000 Quicksilver Road, Midway PA 15060

10:00 am Shotgun Start

Tuesday

August 18th, 2026



Misc. Info

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How Would Your Business Respond If the Power Goes Out?

By Federated Insurance

When your business can't run due to a power outage, it can lead to dangerous conditions and costly downtime. Establishing and communicating a strong emergency preparedness and recovery plan can help you and your employees react safely and recover quickly if your business loses electricity.

Build Your Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan

- A power outage is never ideal for anyone, but the business impact can be especially damaging. Although outages often coincide with severe weather, having a plan in place can be beneficial any time. The following tips can be a good place to start:
- Outline best practices for before, during, and after a power outage. Identify critical systems that require immediate power.
- Install surge protection to help safeguard equipment and computer systems.
- Regularly test generators to ensure they can support critical loads. Establish clear procedures to disconnect and reconnect systems when power returns.
- Assign qualified staff to maintain and recover electrical equipment safely and provide key employees with accurate documentation.
- Verify insurance coverage for equipment breakdowns and update contact information.
 - Use off-site or cloud storage for computer backups, and back data up regularly.
 - Address liability concerns with emergency lighting and clear safety procedures for employees and clients.

Keep Up With Electrical Maintenance

A recovery plan works best when paired with regular preventative maintenance. Following manufacturer specifications for electrical maintenance can help to reduce the risk of unscheduled outages. In addition, older, poorly maintained electrical systems may lead to efficiency loss and costly breakdowns. Regularly schedule a thorough inspection of your business by a qualified professional to help catch these risks.

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and JOY
thru out 2025!**

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Word can
change
someone's
entire day!

Inspiration



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Air Conditioning of Western PA

will continue to be your local industry partner,
as we have been since 1950.

Annual Membership Brings You the Following Benefits:

- Networking events
- Discounts on seminar
- Current info from local suppliers
- Legislative efforts
- Local website
- Technical training courses
- Apprenticeship program
State recognized
- Monthly newsletter
- Information of industry news
changes within the industry
- Insurance for member's company discount
- Code enforcement updates • Local lobbying
- ACCWPA Apprenticeship School
- Voice for the local contractors
- Golf Outing / Trap Shoot
- Education opportunities for your technicians
office staff – Associates bring in Mfg. Reps.
- Advocacy agenda promote contractor interest.
- Labor and HR legal advice before utilities
- Helping members to stay ahead of the curve
- 6-8 Monthly informative meetings



2026 APPRENTICE GRADUATES!!

CONGRATULATION TO THE 2026 ACCWPA APPRENTICE GRADUATES!!

(More to come in next ACCWPA newsletter issue.)

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Topic & Location – TBD



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SOCIAL OUTING GIANT OAKS – JUNE 11th!



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Membership Advantages:

Networking with other contractors. This source of information is invaluable in handling problems within your own company. ACCWPA members help fellow members to be successful!



ACCWPA distributes ACCWPA Newsletters monthly to members and selected non-members, so that all those in the HVAC/R industry can keep informed of issues regarding our trade, and Chapter activities. We hope the non-members will see this newsletter as an example of the quality services that ACCWPA provides.

Contributions or suggestions can be emailed to pforker@accwpa.org

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